

House Resolution No. 4321

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Doughty, treasured residents of Tarkio, Missouri, commemorated the splendid occasion of their Seventieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive celebration over the Labor Day holiday weekend; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on August 28, 1933, Gavin Doughty and Eleanor Culp began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony at the Wyatt Park Baptist Church in St. Joseph; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband who taught piano and organ lessons and served as a church organist and choral director for more than seventy years, Mr. Doughty provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones through teaching opportunities at Tarkio College, and served as the chair of the Music Department at Kearney State College and the Fine Arts Department at Peru State College in Nebraska; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mrs. Doughty enjoyed her family immensely and distinguished herself as an elementary school teacher in St. Joseph for four years and Tarkio for eight years, and as a cataloguer at Tarkio College Library until her retirement in 1977; and

Whereas, Gavin and Eleanor Doughty attribute their seventy years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their four children and their spouses, Mervyn Fisher of Tarkio, Gavin, Jr., and Sharon of Lindsborg, Kansas, Wayne and Janet of Parker, Colorado, and Carol and Donald Jagger of Tarkio; and their fourteen grandchildren and thirty-two great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, with the words of the Lord to guide their way, Gavin and Eleanor Doughty have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Gavin and Eleanor Doughty upon the glorious celebration of their Seventieth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as they proudly begin their eighth decade of wedded success and happiness; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Doughty, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of

Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4321, adopted October 2, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker